

SENATE BILL 690

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 8 and Title 68, relative to a pilot project for  
primary health care clinic sites for state  
employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

8-50-117.

(a) The department of finance and administration shall establish a primary health care clinic for use by state employees in each of the three (3) grand divisions of the state as a pilot project. The clinic shall be located in a state owned or leased building. The clinics shall operate a wellness program, which shall include physicals, and shall offer certain tests as benefits of the pilot project. The clinics shall offer services to state employees and their dependents.

(b) The use of clinics in the pilot project shall seek to reduce claims against the state employee health insurance plan operated pursuant to chapter 27, part 2, of this title.

(c) The state insurance committee, established by § 8-27-101, shall operate the program for the department. The program shall be paid for with a portion of the premiums paid by state employees. Employees shall not be charged use of the services of the pilot project.

(d) The committee may enter into contracts with one (1) or more health insurance carriers or third party administrators selected through a competitive procurement process to provide a plan of health benefits coverage to state employees and their

dependents. The contracts for the program shall be for a period of one (1) year and the program shall be evaluated as to its success in containing health care costs to the state employee health insurance plan.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.